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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

Keller et al.

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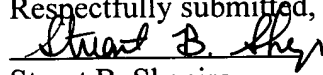
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance as stated in the Notice of Allowability mailed August 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

The Examiner indicated that features within independent claims 1, 16 and 25 including "a method for estimating a selectivity of a query ..." in combination with other elements of the independent claims were not found anticipated or obvious over the prior art made of record. However, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 16 is directed toward a computer system for estimating a selectivity of a query, while independent claim 25 is directed toward a program product apparatus having a computer readable medium with computer program logic recorded thereon for estimating a selectivity of a query.

Respectfully submitted,

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